

A.L.R.C. WOMEN'S ALLIANCE TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION
Putnam, Connecticut

(Mass.); Vice-Chairman — Mrs. Albina Poska (Ill.); Lith. Secretary — Mrs. Donna Kamm (Ill.); English Secretary — Mrs. Antonia Wackell (Mass.).

Officers of the Supreme Board were elected as follows: Spiritual Director — Rev. F. Juškaitis (Mass.); Pres. — Mrs. Julia Mack (Mass.); I Vice-Pres. — Mrs. Antonia Wackell (Mass.); II Vice-Pres. — Mrs. Marcella Watkins (Mass.); Secretary — Mrs. Mary Vaiciunas (Ill.); Treas. — Mrs. Helen Statkus (Ill.); Trustees — Mrs. Mary Zemaitis (Mass.) and Mrs. J. Sepavicius (Mass.).

For the first time in over 25 years, there was a change of editors. Newly-elected to edit the "Moterų Dirva" was Mrs. Matilda Pauliukonis of Worcester, Mass.

Medical Examiner: Dr. S. Biezis of Chicago, Ill. and Legal Advisor — Mr. Konstant J. Savickus, Attorney-at-law, of Chicago, Ill.

State Directors: Conn. — Mrs. V. Petraitis; Ill. — Mrs. Stasaitis; Mass., Maine and N.H. — Mrs. T. Mazeika; Mich. — Miss A. Kase; N.Y. and N.J. — Mrs. S. Strazdas; Ohio — Mrs. A. Stepulionis; Pa. — Mrs. J. Tamanauskas.

Literary Committee: Mrs. A. Poska, Mrs. Donna Kamm and Mrs. A. Kumstis.

Grievance Committee: Mrs. A. Satkus, Mrs. M. Srupsa, and Mrs. A. Sidabra.

Motions Committee: Miss V. Galnaitis, Mrs. S. Sakalas and Miss S. Bartkus.

Financial Committee: Mrs. V. Liutkus, Mrs. T. Mazeika, Mrs. R. Monciunas, Mrs. A. Poska and Mrs. A. Sidabra.

This convention moved to establish, in addition to existing insurance classes, a $500 mortuary plan.

1952 — A New Recourse of Action

The members of the Supreme Board during the years of 1952-1953, found their tasks to be many and varied. Of primary concern to Supreme Pres. Julia Mack was the writing of new By-Laws, financial status, insurance and sick benefits notwithstanding, and to arrange a budget that would increase the expense fund. Of immeasureable help in this matter was the Finance Committee and its chairman, Mrs. Veronica Liutkus.

This Supreme Board was particulary energetic, delving into every phase of Alliance activity; writing new paragraphs to be included in the Charter, by-laws and Constitution thereby initiating an economy drive and saving hundreds of dollars; contacting Lithuanian women in all parts of the world, personally or by mail, to encourage closer understanding; arranging conferences with Mrs. G. Kaneb as National Conference Chairman; and, doing their utmost to enliven the activity of weakened chapters and organize new chapters.

March 5, 1952, marked the passing of another highly regarded individual and loyal supporter of the Alliance, Monsignor Casimir Urbonavicius (So. Boston, Mass.), author of the A.L.R.C. Women's Alliance Hymn.

TWENTY-FIFTH CONVENTION

St. Anthony's parish in Cicero, Ill., was the site of the 25th convention, held August 17-20, 1953, where delegates were most hospitably received by the members of Chapter 48, convention hostesses.

Preceding the convention was a conference to which all Lithuanian women in the area were invited. It was held in Maria High School on August 16, 1953. Guest speakers were Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis and Mrs. Magdalena Galdikas.

This silver anniversary convention was begun with a solemn high mass offered by His Excellency, Bishop V. Brizgys. He reminded the delegates during the course of his sermon that "...woman is the soul of the family. The future of families, organizations, nations and the world rests with her."

The delegates elected the following to the presidium: Chairman — Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas (Mich.); Assistant Chairman — Mrs. Donna Kamm (Ill.); Secretary — Mrs. Augusta Satkus (Ill.); Assistant Secretary — Miss Sophia Bartkus (Ill.).

Re-elected to the Supreme Board were: Rev. F. Juskaitis, Supreme Spiritual Director; Mrs. Julia Mack (Mass.) — Pres.; Mrs. Mary Vaiciunas (Ill.) — Secretary; and Mrs. Helen Statkus (Ill.) — Treas. New names added to the roster were: Mrs. Ursula Daukantas (Mass.) — I Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Augusta Satkus (Ill.) — II Vice-Pres.; Miss Vera Galnaitis (Ill.) and Mrs. Natalie Satunas (Ill.) — Trustees.

Mrs. Matilda Pauliukonis (Mass.) was reappointed Editor-Administrator of "Moterų Dirva."

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